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On the 7th October, at All Saints', Falkland, by
Rev. W. O. Morris, Minister of the parish, David
Robertson, of Seaboard, N.S.W., and Miss
Angeline Robertson, of London and Hongkong,
were united in Holy Matrimony, according to the
rites of the Church of England, by the Rev. W. O. Morris,
Minister of the parish, at All Saints', Falkland.

DEATHS.

At his late residence, No. 4, Rossie Terrace,
London, 1st December, 1891, after a long illness,
LOUIS RICHMOND, at the age of 51 years. 1893.
On the 2nd October, at his residence, 10, Regent
Square, London, after a long illness, HENRY
ANDREW PARKER, solicitor, late surviving son of
GEORGE PARKER, of Worthing, in his 77th year,
after a few days' illness.

Obituary.

At the regular meeting of the Zealand Lodge
held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, the Rev. G.
H. Bonfield was elected Worshipful Master for the
 ensuing year and Bro. G. A. Caldwell Treasurer.

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The Dairy Farm Company, Limited, for
failing to report to the Colonial Veterinary
Surgeon the death of one of their cattle, was
yesterday fined \$50 at the Police Court. The
same firm was also fined \$50 for not reporting
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So far as that branch of the local trade is
concerned any statistics that might be col-
lected by the Colonial Government would
simply be a duplication of those collected
by the Customs Authorities, and no doubt
in order to avoid unnecessary trouble an
arrangement would be made whereby one
set of returns would be made to serve.
There remains the trade carried by for-
eign vessels, and if the matter be again
brought forward we can hardly think that
the collection of statistics in regard to
this branch will meet with the opposition
it did on the former occasion. Legisla-
tion on the subject was originally recom-
mended by the Committee of the Chamber of
Commerce, and Mr. MacKintosh, one of
the strongest supporters of the Bill, is
now the Chairman of that body. If the Bill
were re-introduced in the Legislative
Council, doubtless it would again receive
the support of the Chamber, and in a general
meeting of the mercantile community the vote
recorded in March, 1888, would probably be
repeated. To what an extent public opinion
has undergone modification during the last
four years may to some extent be gauged
from the fact that the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD
proposed the establishment of a bonded warehouse
for opium has been received almost without
a word of dissent.

At Singapore statistics of the imports and
exports are collected and the mercantile
community in that port, so far from regard-
ing it as a hardship or in any way undesirable,
highly appreciate it, as is shown by the ef-
forts of the Chamber of Commerce to secure
the perfection of the system. That Hongkong
should have no similar return is certainly
unfortunate. Speaking at the public meet-
ing held in March, 1888, Mr. MacKintosh
said:—"This is a civilized community, and
I think it a standing disgrace to us that
"we should have existed so many years with-
out a record of what the trade is, with-
out even a vestige of a record worthy
of the name." That is the opinion
of the head of one of the leading ship-
ping firms of the Colony, and so far as
the Bill would entail trouble or expense
Mr. MacKintosh's firm would suffer in
proportion to the magnitude of its business.
Mr. MacKintosh showed in his speech,
however, how little the trouble would
amount to. At the same meeting the Hon.
A. P. MacEwan said it had been represented
to him by one of the most influen-
tial shipping firms in the East, if
not in the world, that some official
statistics of the trade of the port should be
kept, that similar requests had been ad-
dressed to him from commercial centres, and
that astonishment had been expressed that
in one of the leading British colonies such a
total absence of statistics respecting its trade
should exist. With the exception of the
argument as to the effect the proposed
system might have on the Chinese, the only
other reasonable argument put forward was
that it would impose considerable trouble
and some expense on the community.

The trouble and expense, however,
would be a mere nothing as compared with
the results to be obtained, and the same
trouble and expense have to be borne in almost
every other port in the world. The real
basis of the opposition to the Bill was the
belief that it would interfere with certain
contraband trade. This was not openly
advanced in argument, but the public meeting
Mr. MacEwan took the opposition with it
and the implication was not resented. Dis-
credit as this ground of opposition was
it must have disappeared since the Foreign
Customs took over the administration of the
Kowloon stations, so that it is difficult to
see where the opposition would now come
from if a Bill similar to that introduced in
1888 were again brought forward.

The delivery of the French mail was begun
at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

The Agents (Messrs. Dowling, Carrill & Co.)
inform us that the U. P. steamer Empress of
China arrived at Vancouver on the 1st inst.

The Hon. C. P. Chatter and a number of
friends left by the steamer Asahi yesterday for
Hongkong on a visit to the coal mines there.
The Asahi will bring back a cargo of the coal.

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in the press of a 'Dictionary of the Korean
Language'—the first of the kind that has ever
been published—has been one of the most distinguished
of Oriental linguists. He has already published
a grammar of the same language, and for his labors
in connection therewith he has been awarded
the rank of Knight of the Order of the Crown.
His dictionary is based on seven years' research
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A writer in L'Economiste Financier, referring
to the Chinese in Alaska, says that there are
everywhere, the Chinese are the best of the
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A VARIABLE DAY

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eccentricity. The morning broke with a
remarkable clearness of atmosphere, and anticyclone
the temperature was unusually high, the sun
shining with unobscured brilliancy, and the
atmosphere was unusually clear. In the early part of the afternoon,
however, it suddenly became cooler and the wind
shifted round from E.S.E. towards the North.
Shortly after four there was a sharp shower
and the clouds drove across the harbour in a
threatening manner. This was succeeded
by a hail and the sky looked cold and cheer-
less, the temperature at the same time
continuing to fall rapidly. A few minutes
before eight the wind rose and was soon
blowing with considerable force from the
S.W. In this quarter, however, it did not long
remain, and in less than half an hour it had
veered round to N.E. An unexpected rigour,
however, set in, and the temperature fell
considerably. The greatest cold was in the
evening, especially among the small and fragile
ice craft, which, with never so much warning,
are always dangerously situated in a squall which
assumes any abnormal form.

Shortly after eight o'clock two rockets were fired
from the Empress of India and her search lights
were observed to be directed towards an un-
known vessel lying in the direction of Yuen-
tsai, which a report of fire had been raised.
What the actual character of the outbreak was
it was difficult to discover, but as a communi-
cation with the ship was opened it is safe to
assume that nothing of a very alarming nature
occurred. A report of the Chamber
of Commerce is to the effect that the
Empress of India was under way from the
harbour, and that the vessel

SHIPPING IN PORT.

Yellow, Brit. bark, 893, Maher, Aug. 10,
Toppins, Dunn & Co
Eng. British str., 1,503, Higg. Nor. 6,
Carlisle, Matheson & Co
British str., 908, Garwood, Nov. 26,
Waterford & Swire
British str., 1,050, Pascook, Nov. 28,
Waterford & Swire

NAKASAKI.
In Port on 25th November, 1891.
Seyd, Ger. str., 558, Gosswisch, Nov. 23,
Hinsane
City, Amr. bark, 438, Wetherall, Sept. 20,
Hinsane
Rio more, Ger. str., 2,907, Hess, Sept. 1,
Poline Blinger & Co

mura, Japanese str., 897, Oct. 15, N. 100
 usen Kaisha
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 mo Maru, Jap. str., 812, Murray, N. 21,
 1001 Brass, Japan

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 -lu-Port co. 20th November, 1891
 -an, British str., 1,150, Robinson, N. 14,
 o, Holmers & Co
 -g, British str., 1,454, Boutillier, Nov. 21,
 rnes & Co
 -gham, British str., 1,540, Watson, Nov. 18,
 en I, Samuel & Co
 -nral, Dutch str., 672, Schu, N. 2,
 -g
 -n, Japanese str. 721,

ship of Lorne, British bark, 1,11, Yokoh.,
 Dec. 21, Master
 -mura, Jap. str., 564, Mirag., Nov. 20,
 upon Yuseu Kaisha
 -mura, Jip. str., 1,137, Brown, Nov. 19,
 upon Yuseu Kaisha
 -mura, Jap. str., 38, Eckson, Nov. 18,
 upon Yuseu Kaisha
 -mura, Jap. str., 1,194, Fukai, Nov. 16,
 upon Yuseu Kaisha
 -mura, Jap. str., 712, Matsunaka, Nov. 8,
 upon Yuseu Kaisha
 YOKOHAMA.
 In Port on 26th number 1891

1. British ship, 1,322, Carter, Nov. 16,
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 Italian bark, 620, Adiray, Aug. 31.
 Chinese steamship
 British bark, 574, Barnt, Nov. 5.
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 Chinese bark, 659, Barnt, Oct. 29.
 Chinese bark
 Chinese bark, 429, Barnt, Nov. 5.
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 Chinese bark, 499, Barnt, Oct. 11.
 Chinese bark

BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIP:
THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Ono, C. A. & A. J. H. Yokohama
 cruiser, 6 guns, 3,500 tons, Capt. J.
 L. at Hankow
 cruiser, 14 guns, 1,440 tons, Capt. Wm.
 Hunter, ship, at Shanghai
 surveying ship, Capt. A. M. Field, at
 Hongkong
 Chinese gunboat, 3 guns, 340 tons, in
 service, at Lohang
 Chinese gunboat, 4 guns, 450 tons, in
 service, at A. J. Baker, at Newchwang
 cruiser, 3 guns, 1,190 tons, Capt. R.
 Smith, at Shanghai
 gunboat, 1 gun, 10 guns, 10,000 tons,
 at Shanghai
 gunboat, 10 guns, 5,500 tons, Capt.
 W. Watson, at Yokohama

umbos, 5 eggs, 1,950 h.p., Com. V. D.
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 armen, 13 eggs, 7,390 h.p., Capt.
 J. Balbour, at Yokohama
 umbos, 6 eggs, Lieut.-Comd. Ingram,
 Shanghai
 umbos, 4 eggs, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Com.
 ill, at Hongkong
 umbos, 4 eggs, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Com.
 Ball, at Foochow
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 Com. C. H. Burr, at Hongkong
 pomposita-h, 6 eggs, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-
 J. G. Heath, at Singapore
 umbos, 4 eggs, 1,240 h.p., Lieut.-Com.
 ill, at Shanghai
 umbos, 12 eggs, 6,000 h.p., Capt. W.
 ill, at Kobe

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French cruiser, Capt. Schneider,
king
cruiser, Comd. Felix McGurley,
gunboat, 6 guns, Capt. Jounard,
cruiser
French cruiser, 13 guns, 1,100 h.p.,
Capt. at Vladivostok.
Am. corvette, 8 guns, Capt. Remy,
cruiser
French gunboat, Lieut. Martel, at
Shanghai.
French g.s.b., 6 guns, 700 h.p., Captain
Jouan, at Haiphong.
French gunboat, 4 guns, 430 h.p., Capt.
at Shanghai.
French gunboat, Capt. Jeugleres,
Shanghai.

Russian gunboat, Capt. Filloff, at
 Russian corvette, 6 guns, 1,205 h.p.,
 Jostwensky, at Vladivostok
 Russian cruiser, Captain Kotberg, at
 Yokohama
 Russian gunboat, Com. Nenny, at Bangkok
 Russian cruiser, 7 guns, Comdr. Kasi,
 at Shanghai
 Russian corvette, 6 guns, Capt. J. R.
 at Yokohama
 Russian gun-vessel, 6 guns, Com. M. L.
 at Yangtze
 Russian cruiser, 9 guns, 253 h.p.,
 Jap. at Vladivostok
 Russian gunboat, 6 guns, 500 h.p., Lieut.
 Koshin, at Shanghai
 Russian cruiser, Capt. S. Romanov, at
 Vladivostok

on cruiser, Capt. B. J. Carter,
 on cruiser, Capt. Forrest, at
 bz-bt, Capt. Lupa, at Hongkong
 Spanish cruiser, Capt. Inglis,
 sian cruiser, 18 guns, Capt. A.
 Hankow
 n cruiser, Captain Herbing, at
 corvette, Com. P. H. Cooper,
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 French frigate, Capt. Gornulier
 at Nagasaki
 shi cruiser, 4 guns, Capt. Jose
 at Shanghai
 cruiser, Captain Thouvenin, at

gunboat, 4 guns, 100 h.p., Capt.
Klinking
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at Vladivostok
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-bt., 4 guns, Com. Molechouky,
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off, at Hankow

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